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TASK COSTS FOR ACTIVITY )  
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RESPONSE E

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 15, 2003, please consider the following remarks. A claim set is attached merely to show the current status of the claims.